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FOR AF/C BUCHANAN FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, CG
SUBJECT: CASE OF PROFESSOR KALALA MWAMBI

REF: STATE 152146

1. FROM INFORMAL CONTACTS HERE WITH SOME OF MWAMBI'S COLLEAGUES, WE ARE AWARE OF HIS PAST TROUBLES WITH VICE RECTOR AND PERHAPS OTHERS AT UNAZA. WE GATHER THESE TROUBLES HAVE NOT BEEN RESOLVED. HOWEVER, NEITHER WE NOR OUR UNAZA CONTACTS ARE AWARE THAT MWAMBI'S DIFFICULTIES EXTEND BEYOND THE CAMPUS OR THAT HE IS IN ANY KIND OF SERIOUS POLITICAL TROUBLE.

2. WE HAVE NO WAY OF TELLING AT THIS POINT TO WHAT EXTENT SHABA-RELATED DETENTIONS MAY PERSIST OR EVEN BE EXPANDED. HOWEVER, MOBUTU'S SPEECH OF JULY 1 SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN WELL RECEIVED AND HAS CREATED DEGREE OF OPTIMISM EVEN AMONG SOME OF TRADITIONAL CRITICS OF REGIME. AS YOU ARE AWARE, IN HIS SPEECH MOBUTU TOOK CND AND OTHER SECURITY FORCES TO TASK FOR ABUSING THEIR POWERS WITH POPULACE.

3. I SEE NO HARM IN YOUR CONVEYING TO MWAMBI OUR POSITIVE REACTION TO RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ZAIRE AND FACT THAT OUR ZAIRIAN FRIENDS ALSO SEEM TO BE ENCOURAGED. HOPEFULLY THERE WILL BE A LARGER ROLE FOR CAPABLE PROFESSIONALS LIKE MWAMBI
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TO PLAY UNDER THE ANNOUNCED REFORMS THAN THERE HAS BEEN IN THE PAST. HOWEVER, WITHOUT REALLY KNOWING ALL OF THE FACTORS RELATING TO MWAMBI'S WORRIES I WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO GIVE HIM ANY SPECIFIC ADVICE.
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